

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) Apparatus for accessing ~~a~~an ~~text-based~~ information service from a television programme service, comprising:

means for providing link information for display during the television programme service, the link information being associated with ~~a selected page~~ predefined content of the ~~text-based~~ information service;

means for receiving ~~a~~an acceptance signal that is ~~page-independent~~ of the predefined content ~~acceptance signal~~ from a display controller; and

means for providing the ~~selected page~~ predefined content for display in response to the acceptance signal,

wherein the link information providing means is operable to override a predetermined display preference in response to detection of a code identifying the link information, wherein the predetermined display preference is a preference not to display the information service.

2. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the acceptance signal corresponds to a set of keystrokes on the display controller.

3. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the keystroke set comprises less than four keystrokes.

4. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the keystroke set comprises a single keystroke.

5. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said link information providing means includes means for inserting the link information into a subtitle line.

6. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising means for highlighting the link information.
7. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for distinguishing link information from information which does not comprise a link to the text based information service.
8. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said distinguishing means comprises means for detecting a tag associated with the link information.
9. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising means responsive to the detection of a tag configured to display the link information ~~irrespective of predetermined display preferences~~ in response to detection of the tag.
10. (Currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ~~text based~~ information service comprises teletext.
11. (Original) Apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a television programme service according to the digital video broadcasting (DVB) standard.
12. (Currently amended) A method of accessing ~~a text based~~ an information service from a television programme service via a television receiver, comprising the steps of providing link information associated with ~~a selected page of the text based~~ predefined content of the information service for display during the television programme service, receiving ~~a page independent~~ an acceptance signal that is independent of the predefined content from a display controller and providing the predefined content ~~selected page~~ for display in response to the acceptance signal, wherein the step of providing link information includes overriding a predetermined display preference in response to detection of a code identifying the link

information, wherein the predetermined display preference is a preference not to display the information service.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12, wherein the acceptance signal corresponds to a set of keystrokes on the display controller.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13, wherein the keystroke set comprises less than four keystrokes.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, wherein the keystroke set comprises a single keystroke.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 12, comprising providing the link information for display as a subtitle during the television programme service.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 12, including highlighting the link information to be displayed.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17, wherein the highlighting comprises causing the link information to flash periodically when displayed.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 12, wherein the link information comprises a page number.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 12, wherein the link information includes an identification tag for distinguishing the link information from information which does not comprise a link to the text based information service.

21. (Original) A method according to claim 20, wherein the tag comprises a non-display character.

22. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 20, comprising displaying a subtitle line which includes tagged link information ~~irrespective of viewer preferences~~.

23. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium containing a program, which when to be executed by a processor, enables to enable access to a text-based an information service from a television programme service, in which link information associated with a selected page predefined content of the ~~text-based~~ information service is displayed concurrently with a television programme image, wherein the program, ~~when executed by the processor,~~ implements the steps of receiving a ~~page independent an~~ acceptance signal that is independent of the selected predefined content from a display controller, ~~and providing the link information selected page for display and providing the selected predefined content for display in response to the acceptance signal, wherein the step of providing the link information includes overriding a predetermined display preference in response to detection of a code identifying the link information, wherein the predetermined display preference is a preference not to display the information service.~~

24. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium containing a program including ~~program code~~ for performing the steps of claim 12 when the program is run by a processor.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) Apparatus for accessing a ~~text-based an~~ information service from a television programme service, the apparatus being operable to:

(a) provide link information for display during the television programme service, the link information being associated with a ~~selected page~~ predefined content of the ~~text-based~~ information service;

(b) receive ~~a page independent~~ an acceptance signal that is independent of the predefined content from a display controller; ~~and~~

(c) provide ~~the selected page~~ predefined content for display in response to the acceptance signal; ~~and~~

(d) override a predetermined display preference in response to detection of a code identifying the link information, wherein the predetermined display preference is a preference not to display the information service.

27. (Canceled)

28. (New) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising means for scanning data received from the television program service for link information.

29. (New) Apparatus according to claim 11, comprising at least one processor for processing the DVB service.

30. (New) Apparatus according to claim 1, comprising at least one processor for processing the information service and the link information.

31. (New) Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising memory for storing the predefined content of the information service.

32. (New) A method according to claim 12, including the step of scanning data received from the television program service for link information.

33. (New) Apparatus for accessing information service from a television programme service, comprising:

means for providing link information for display during the television programme service, the link information being associated with predefined content of the information service;

means for receiving an acceptance signal that is independent of the predefined content from a display controller; and

means for providing the predefined content for display in response to the acceptance signal, further comprising means for scanning data received from the television program service for link information.

34. (New) Apparatus according to claim 33, wherein said link information providing means includes means for inserting the link information into a subtitle line.

35. (New) A method for accessing information service from a television programme service, comprising:

providing link information for display during the television programme service, the link information being associated with predefined content of the information service;

receiving an acceptance signal that is independent of the predefined content from a display controller;

providing the predefined content for display in response to the acceptance signal; and, scanning data received from the television program service for link information.

36. (New) The method according to claim 35, wherein the step of providing link information for display comprises inserting the link information into a subtitle line.

37. (New) A computer readable medium containing computer code for performing the steps of:

providing link information for display during the television programme service, the link information being associated with predefined content of the information service;

receiving an acceptance signal that is independent of the predefined content from a display controller;

providing the predefined content for display in response to the acceptance signal; and, scanning data received from the television program service for link information.

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38. (New) The computer readable medium according to claim 37, wherein providing link information for display comprises inserting the link information into a subtitle line.